

24 February 1955

MEMORANDUM OF DISCUSSION

SUBJECT: Urban Areas

REFERENCE: Memorandum of Discussion, same subject, dtd 4 November 1954

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1. Meeting was held in Dr. Guthe's Office this afternoon (present were Dr. Guthe, [redacted] and myself) relative to proposed staff study drafted by [redacted] on the Urban Area Studies Program. This staff study arrived at the conclusion that urban area requirements [redacted] area should be produced by the Geographic Area, CIA, with necessary augmentation of personnel. This conclusion was at variance with the consensus of the meeting of 4 November set forth in reference memorandum, which indicated that these requirements should be fulfilled by the Office of the Chief of Engineers, Army, through the medium of NIS Supplement IV.

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2. In the present meeting I objected to the proposal that [redacted] had drawn up. In substance, I contended that the creation of a new capability to fulfill the specialized urban area requirements [redacted] area was inherently unsound, since there already existed a properly designed capability in the Office of the Chief, US Army Engineers. I conceded that Geographic Area could produce these studies more efficiently than could the Engineers. However, I considered that the proposal for an urban area capability within CIA would create unnecessary duplication and that the longer such a capability existed the more severe would be the duplication between that component and the Engineers.

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3. My proposal involved proceeding along the following lines:

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a. Corps of Engineers should be asked to fulfill [redacted]

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b. The studies so produced should be done outside of the NIS framework and without regard to Supplement IV format or requirements, inasmuch as this was a highly specialized study. However, the results of the research which went into these special urban area studies should be incorporated into the basic files of the Engineers, and should be reflected in subsequent NIS production whether it be in Sections 25 or Supplement IV in the event these were authorized by the NIS Committee at a later date.

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4. Dr. Guthe and [redacted] agreed to the proposal and outlined a method of implementation in the following terms: [redacted] will call together a meeting involving the representative of the Office of the Chief of Engineers, G-2 (NIS Committee Member) and myself, in the capacity of NIS Coordinator. Develop estimated costs of special urban area studies projected for the first year at a rate of 20 studies, second year, 35 studies; and subsequent years at rate of 50 studies [redacted] with cost broken down in terms of salaries, overhead, etc. At this meeting a draft of the proposed memorandum from DD/I to Assistant Chief of

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